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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Lake Tahoe – Three Arrested on Suspicion of Drug Trafficking

(U) Three South Lake Tahoe residents face federal charges for allegedly trafficking methamphetamine. Joshua Daniel Wilson, 34, was charged with one count of distributing over 500 grams of meth, four counts of distributing 50 grams of meth, and one count for dealing firearms without a license according to officials. Wilson allegedly sold meth to an informant four times over the span of five months and offered to sell other drugs like MDMA and LSD as well. He and Cody Lee Cramer, 39, also allegedly sold the informant firearms without serial numbers. Patricia Louise Ezikian, 69, was also charged with four counts of distributing 50 grams of meth. She allegedly sold meth to an informant multiple times over several months.

SOURCE: 24 August 2021, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) Los Angeles – Nine More Charged in Series of Alleged MS-13 Killings

(U) Nine MS-13 gang members and associates have been charged in a case involving 11 slayings, including five in which the victims were hacked to death in the Angeles National Forest. A total of 31 defendants are named in an expanded federal grand jury indictment after four new defendants were arrested. Machetes or knives were allegedly used in five of the killings, while the victims were shot to death in the other six. Each homicide is alleged to have been carried out as a form of gang initiation or to gain standing.

SOURCE: 24 August 2021, [KTLA](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – Driver Caught Using Fake Border Patrol Vehicle to Smuggle Migrants into US

(U) Tucson – Eleven people were taken into custody after posing as Border Patrol agents in a cloned US Border Patrol vehicle in an attempt to enter the United States illegally. According to a Twitter post shared by US Border Patrol's Tucson Sector, agents from the Tucson Station stopped the smuggling attempt. While the agency did not elaborate further about the incident, it shared that the driver and 10 migrants were detained in connection to the smuggling attempt.

SOURCE: 24 August 2021, [KVOA](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Michigan – First Sentence to Be Handed Down in Governor's Kidnap Plot

(U) Grand Rapids – Prosecutors preparing for the first prison sentence in an alleged plot to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer are signaling to five other defendants that a key insider has shared extraordinary details about the operation. Ty Garbin cooperated within weeks of being arrested. Prosecutors want the US District Judge to take it into consideration when he sentences Garbin for conspiracy. The government is recommending a nine-year prison term, a long stretch but one that would be even longer if he had not assisted investigators after being charged.

SOURCE: 25 August 2021, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Utah – More Than \$300K in Fentanyl Pills Seized During Traffic Stop

(U) St. George – More than five pounds of what authorities suspect to be fentanyl pills were recovered during a traffic stop, a narcotic seizure that is estimated to have a street value of more than \$300,000. According to charging documents filed with the court, a Utah Highway Patrol trooper was monitoring traffic when he noticed a vehicle that was passing other cars at a high rate of speed. The trooper's report states he clocked the car going 83 in a 75-mph speed zone. The driver slammed on his brakes when he spotted the trooper. The driver, identified by his identification card issued in Mexico as 37-year-old Roberto Carlos Mendez-Coleote.

SOURCE: 24 August 2021, [St George News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Somalia – Army Says Airstrike Killed 90 Al-Shabaab Terrorists

(U) Mogadishu – At least 90 al-Shabaab terrorists were killed in an airstrike in Somalia's central province of Mudug. The military, alongside Galmudug regional forces liberated the village from the terror group last month. Al-Shabaab said its fighters attacked the village starting with a suicide car bomb blast followed by a firefight. It claimed to have seized 14 vehicles, including 12 belonging to the military, during the fighting.

SOURCE: 24 August 2021, [AA](#)

(U) Syria – Blast Kills Ten Extremists at Training Camp

(U) Amman – An explosion at a training camp for extremist fighters in opposition-held northwest Syria killed at least 10 people and injured a dozen other recruits. The explosion took place while dozens of fighters from the Hyat Tahrir al Sham (HTS) group were attending a training session on artillery and mortars in the camp near the town of Hasano, in northern Idlib province. HTS is an extremist group that controls parts of Syria's northwest, a rebel-held area still at war with Damascus. Formerly known as the Nusra Front, it has been designated a terrorist group by the United States, Turkey, and others.

SOURCE: 24 August 2021, [Reuters](#)

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